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SUBJ: SENATOR PERCY'S JERUSALEM PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 22

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY SENATOR  
PERCY IN JERUSALEM JAN 22 FROM TAPE RECORDED BY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS.

1. Q. DO YOU FIND THAT THE ISRAELI LEADERSHIP IS WELL  
AWARE OF THE SITUATION WITH THE ARAB LEADERS AND THAT  
THEY HAVE A FEELING FOR WHAT THE ARAB LEADERS ARE SAYING?

A. I PROBABLY AM THE MOST RECENT PERSON OF ANY NATIONALITY  
TO HAVE TALKED TO AS MANY ARAB LEADERS AS I HAVE, AS  
INTIMATELY AND AT THE LENGTH THAT I HAVE, AND MY GENERAL  
IMPRESSIONS AND ATTITUDES ARE THAT THEY DO DESIRE PEACE  
AND THEY DO FEEL THAT STEADY PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN  
STEP BY STEP PROCEDURES OUTLINED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER.  
THESE I TRIED TO IMPART TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN AS BEST  
I COULD.

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2. Q. DO YOU THINK THE ARAB LEADERS TO WHOM YOU TALKED

WANT PEACE WITH ISRAEL OR WITHOUT ISRAEL?

A. THEY WANT PEACE AND I THINK THEY ARE REFLECTING A DEEP-SEATED FEELING OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE ARAB WORLD WITH WHOM I TALKED AT EVERY LEVEL. THEY FEEL THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO RESOLUTION OF ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS AS A RESULT OF WAR. BUT I DID FIND THE VIRTUALLY UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE OF ONE THING THAT I HAVE NOT FOUND PREVIOUSLY. THE WHOLE PROBLEM HAS BEEN WHETHER OR NOT THE ARAB WORLD WOULD ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF 1948 WHICH THEY IMMEDIATELY PROTESTED AND ACCEPT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ISRAEL AS A NATION AND ACCEPT THE RIGHTFUL DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO HAVE PEACE AND SECURITY AND STABILITY, AND I FOUND VIRTUAL COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THAT CONCEPT. IN FACT ONE ARAB LEADER SAID THAT AFTER ALL ISRAEL HAS WON THAT RIGHT NOW, "WE RECOGNIZE IT BUT WHAT WE WANT BACK ARE OUR OCCUPIED LANDS AND THAT WILL BE A CONDITION FOR OUR ACCEPTANCE, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN A SENSE ISRAEL IS HERE TO STAY." AND I SAID TO ONE OF THEM "WHEN WILL THE ARAB WORLD START TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND PUT IT ON THEIR MAPS," BECAUSE I DID NOT FIND A MAP IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES I VISITED THAT EVEN HAD ISRAEL ON IT. THERE WAS PALESTINE BUT NOT ISRAEL, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE HAVE REACHED THE STAGE WHERE WE ARE ALL LIVING IN THE REAL WORLD AND THE COMMON ENEMY OF ALL OF US ARE THE HAWKS WHO WOULD DRIVE ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER INTO A FIFTH CONFLICT. THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT WE MUST CLEARLY GET A MESSAGE ACROSS TO. AND THEY ARE THE ONES THAT I AM SAYING CLEARLY TO: "YOU ARE MISGUIDED AND MISCALCULATED IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DRIVE AND PUSH ISRAEL INTO A FIFTH WAR IN THE MIDST OF THESE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS FOR A NEGOTIATION AND HAVE THE UNITED STATES WITH YOU." IF ISRAEL PROVOKES THE WAR OR THOSE FORCES IN ISRAEL THAT ONLY CAN RESORT TO WAR, THE SO-CALLED HAWKS, AND EVERY COUNTRY HAS HAWKS, TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BY FORCE OF ARMS, I FEEL THAT CERTAINLY I WILL NOT SUPPORT THAT EFFORT AND I FEEL A GREAT MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS, AND THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY I THINK OF MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN WILL NOT SUPPORT THAT EFFORT. BUT AS I HAVE SAID IN THE ARAB WORLD, A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE BY AN ARAB COUNTRY AGAINST

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ISRAEL WOULD FIND AMERICA SOLIDLY WITH OUR FRIENDS IN ISRAEL.

3. Q. IS THAT IN THE WAY OF A THREAT OR A STERN WARNING, OR?

A. IT IS NOT A THREAT. WARS ARE MANYTIMES ENTERED INTO THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISCALCULATION. AS BEST

I CAN AS AN INDIVIDUAL SENATOR, BUT ON AN OFFICIAL TRIP FOR THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND SPEAKING AS ONE SENATOR WHO HAS LONG DEMONSTRATED HIS FRIENDSHIP AND AFFECTION FOR ISRAEL AND HAVING RECOGNIZED AS I DID ALL THROUGH THE ARAB WORLD TODAY THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO HAVE A NATION, BE A NATION AND HAVE THEIR SECURITY, I THINK THAT IT IS MY DUTY TO SPEAK TO MY FRIENDS FIRMLY AND HONESTLY, AND WE HAVE FRIENDS ON BOTH SIDES IN THIS CONFLICT. OUR FRIENDS ARE TOSE WHO DESIRE PEACE THROUGH NEGOTIATED DIPLOMACY AND WHO ARE REASONABLE AND RETIONAL AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REALITIES OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE TODAY.

4. Q. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE FACTORS YOU HAVE MENTIONED NOW, WHAT IS THE MOOD OF CONGRESS CONCERNING AID TO ISRAEL?

A. OBVIOUSLY IT HAS TO BE EVALUATED ALONG WITH ALL OTHER PRIORITIES. WHATEVER ADDTIONAL AID FUNDS ARE PROVIDED TO ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO BE BORROWED. THEY WILL ADD TO OUR NATIONAL DEBT. WE DO NOT HAVE THOSE MONIES TODAY. WE WILL HAVE TO BORROW THEM; WE WILL HAVE TO PAY INTEREST OF 8 OR 9 PERCENT. WE HAVE NO PROSPECTS IN THE FUTURE THAT I CAN SEE OF PAYING IT BACK SO IT WILL BE ADDED TO THE \$32 BILLION OF PERMANENT INTEREST COST THAT WE ARE NOW CARRYING. IT WILL ADD TO INFLATION, IT WILL UNBALANCE OUR BUDGET FURTHER, IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR US. THIS IS WHY WITH THE TREMENDOUS

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STRAIN ON THE ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD, THE FRAGILE NATURE OF OUR ECONOMIES IN THE FREE WORLD, WITH PROBABLY MORE DANGER FROM INFLATION, RECESSION OR UNEMPLOYMENT THAN WE HAVE HAD SINCE THE THIRTIES, ANYONE WHO FEELS THAT IN CASE OF A PRECIPITOUS ACT DRIVING THE WORLD INTO A FIFTH CONFLICT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO FIND MANY ALLIES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CONFLICT, I THINK THEY ARE GROSSLY MISCALCULATING THE PRESENT SITUATION. IT IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER.

5. Q. WOULD YOU ADVISE YOUR FIRENDS IN ISRAEL THEN TO LISTEN TO SOME OF THE REQUESTS BEING MADE BY THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO WNSURE ITS SUPPORT?

A. I CERTAINLY WOULD. I STAND FOUR-SQUARE BEHIND SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHO I THINK IS RESPECTED BY BOTH SIDES IN THIS CONFLICT. HIGHLY RESPECTED IN THE ARAB WORLD, HIGHLY RESPECTED IN ISRAEL AND VOTED THIS YEAR BY GALLUP THE MOST ADMIRED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SO I THINK--LET US SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY, LET US SUPPORT AND BACK UP HIS EFFORTS TO HELP CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR PEACE. THE STEP BY STEP PROGRAM IS NOT A PROGRAM IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON ANYONE. IT IS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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DERIVE IDEAS FROM BOTH SIDES AND THEY ARE THE ARCHITECTS OF THE PLAN. WE SIMPLY HELP PUT THE PIECES OF THE MOSAIC TOGETHER, AND WE HAVE ONE OF THE TRULY GREAT PEACE MAKERS OF ALL TIME IN SECRETARY KISSINGER. LET'S NOT LET ANY WAR MONGERS ON EITHER SIDE, ANY PLACE, PREVENT THE WORLD FROM USING THOSE TALENTS AND RESOURCES AND THAT ENERGY BY SAYING THERE IS NO RESORT OTHER THAN TO WAR. I ABHOR THE STATEMENTS MADE CONSTANTLY BY ARAFAT WHEN HE SAID, A FIFTH WAR IS INEVITABLE. IF IT IS, RATIONAL MAN IS NOT PREVAILING. IT IS OUR JOB TO MAKE THAT INEVITABILITY A FALSE PREDICTION.

6. Q. LAST NIGHT ON JORDAN TELEVISION YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT ISRAEL AND THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES AND SAID THAT ISRAEL CANNOT HAVE ITS CAKE AND EAT IT TOO. CAN YOU AMPLIFY THAT A BIT?

A. YES, I FEEL THAT WHAT ISRAEL'S QUEST IS IS A RECOGNITION OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ITS PEOPLE

GUARANTEED BY THE ARAB WORLD AND ASSURED SOMEHOW BY THE GREAT POWERS. THIS IS THEIR OBJECTIVE AND THIS IS THEIR GOAL. IT WAS NEVER THE INTENTION OF ISRAEL TO HOLD AND KEEP PROPERTIES BY FORCE OF ARMS. THEY DID SEIZE AND TAKE THOSE PROPERTIES IN WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE NECESSARY ACTION TO PROTECT THEIR SECURITY. BUT I SAID NOT ONCE BUT TWICE LAST NIGHT IN JORDAN, AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN HERE IN JERUSALEM, THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO HAVE PEACE, THAT ESSENTIALLY THE AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BE RETURNED IN A STEP BY STEP PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE ADEQUATE TO ENSURE AND REASURE THE CITIZENS OF ISRAEL WHO HAVE REASON FOR SKEPTICISM -- THEY MUST BE REASSURED THAT ONCE THE PEACE SETTLEMENT AND THE ULTIMATE STEP IS TAKEN THAT THEY CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY, STOP SPENDING THE INORDINATE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS BEING SPENT NOW ON DEFENSE AND REDUCE THIS QUASHING BURDEN OF TAXATION THAT IS PREVENTING ISRAELIS FROM HAVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT THEY WANT AND THE PEACE AND SECURITY THAT THEY SO EARNESTLY DESIRE.

7. Q. WHAT ABOUT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT SOME OF THE TERRITORIES COULD NOT BE GIVEN BACK FOR SECURITY  
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REASONS? HOW DO YOU VIEW THAT?

A. COULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION AGAIN.

8. Q. WHAT ABOUT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT VIEW THAT SOME OF THE TERRITORIES, FOR EXAMPLE, MOST OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS COULD NOT BE GIVEN BACK BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY INVOLVED?

A. THAT IS WHY I INDICATED THAT I EMPHASIZED TWICE IN AMMAN AND I WILL ONCE AGAIN HERE THAT ESSENTIALLY THOSE TERRITORIES NOW OCCUPIED MUST BE RETURNED. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE CANNOT BE IN THE FINAL STAGES SOME NEGOTIATION ABOUT SOME OF THAT TERRITORY. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT SMALL QUANTITIES OF REAL ESTATE COULD BE LEASED FOR 99 YEARS. THERE COULD BE SOMETHING DONE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT TAKEN BY FORCE, THAT ASSURANCE AND REASSURANCE IS GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE BOUNDARIES THAT CAN BE PROTECTED. I DO NOT RULE OUT, HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT THERE MAY BE SUCH ADEQUATE PROTECTION PROVIDED, THAT ALL OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES CAN BE RETURNED, BUT I DID NOT IN ANY WAY WISH TO INDICATE THAT IN MY JUDGEMENT EVERY SQUARE INCH IS NECESSARY BECAUSE I THINK THAT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATION TO JUST DETERMINE THE TRUE INTEREST AND TRUE INTENTIONS OF BOTH SIDES.

9. Q. WHEN YOU MENTION ADEQUATE PROTECTION DO YOU  
SEE THIS TAKING THE FORM OF AMERICAN GUARANTEES IN  
THE FUTURE?

A. I WOULDN'T RULE IT OUT BUT AT THIS STAGE I WOULDN'T  
BE PREPARED TO SAY THAT THAT WOULD BE INEVITABLE. IT HAS  
NEVER BEEN REALLY DISCUSSED WITH THE SENATE AND OBVIOUSLY  
IF THERE IS TO BE ANY GUARANTEE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE  
WITH THE ADVISE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

10. Q. YOU TOURED JERUSALEM THIS MORNING, SENATOR PERCY,  
AND I WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS NOW HAVING TOURED THE SITES OF  
EXCAVATIONS ON THE UNESCO DECISION TO SANCTION ISRAEL  
BECAUSE OF THAT.

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A. I HAVEN'T TALKED TO ANYONE IN UNESCO. I DID  
DEEPLY REGRET THIS DECISION. I THOUGHT IT WAS LIKE CUTTING  
OFF YOUR NOSE TO SPITE YOUR FACE. AFTER ALL ISRAEL CON-  
TRIBUTES \$150,000 AND THIS WAS A PROJECT THAT WAS  
COSTING \$16,000. I THINK IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE SUBJECT  
TO, AS LONG AS THERE IS A DISPUTE, TO HAVE SOME DISINTERESTED  
THIRD PARTY OF ACADEMICIANS AND SCIENTISTS LOOK AT IT TO  
CLARIFY THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT EXISTS. I TOOK A NUMBER  
OF MOVIES AND I LISTENED TO MAYOR KOLLEK, A MAN FOR WHOM

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I HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD. IT MAY TURN OUT TO BE MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, IT MAY HAVE INJURED UNESCO MORE THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE ACT THAT IT HAS TAKEN BECAUSE SCIENTISTS AND ACADEMICIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAVE BEEN ALARMED THAT UNESCO OF ALL AGENCIES HAS BECOME POLITICIZED. BUT I THINK IT IS A QUESTION THAT BEARS FURTHER STUDY AND FURTHER LOOKING INTO, AND IT HAS HELPED ME BY ACTUALLY SEEING THE EXCAVATION ITSELF.

11. Q. STAYING ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, THE RUSSIANS HAVE REJECTED THE AMERICAN TRADE BILL WHICH WAS WORKED OUT IN LONG SESSIONS IN THE SENATE INCLUDING SENATOR JACKSON'S AMENDMENT ABOUT JEWISH OR IMMIGRATION IN GENERAL FROM THE SOVIET UNION. DO YOU FEEL FROM YOUR FEELINGS IN THE SENATE, DO YOU THINK THE SENATE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD ON THIS IMMIGRATION POLICY THAT JACKSON WAS SUCCESSFUL IN INCLUDING IN THE BILL?

A. WELL, I WAS A COSPONSOR OF THE JACKSON AMENDMENT, I BELIEVE, AND I SPOKE AT GREAT LENGTH WITH SECRETARY GENERAL BRESHNEV, WITH THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHEN HE HOSTED US AT LUNCH IN WASHINGTON, ABOUT THE FEELINGS WE HAVE, AND WHAT WE ARE ASKING IS THAT THE SOVIET  
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UNION OBSERVE THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. WE DID NOT CONSIDER IT INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. BUT I THINK IT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF ISRAEL TO HAVE IN ANY WAY THE FEELING THAT DETENTE MAY NOT CONTINUE. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ISRAEL AND ALL THE WORLD TO CONTINUE THIS PROCESS. I WAS DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THE RUSSIANS DECIDE TO NOT ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT ACT OF 1974 BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT THEY WOULD LET THAT INTERFERE WITH PROGRESS IN DETENTE. THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO BOTH SIDES IN CONTINUED DIALOGUE AND TO HAVE COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. THEN WE WILL HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN ON THE TRADE ISSUE.

12. Q. WHEN YOU SAY THAT ISRAEL SHOULD FAVOR DETENTE, DOES THIS MEAN, CONNECTING WITH THE SAME SUBJECT, THAT ISRAEL SHOULD PERHAPS LAY OFF ON RUSSIAN IMMIGRATION, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO TELL US?

A. I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO REASSESS THAT SITUATION. WHILE I AM HERE I WANT TO TALK TO AUTHORITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE RATE OF ABSORPTION THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO MAINTAIN TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE OVERALL IMPACT OF THIS MATTER. WE HAVE MADE A VALIANT ATTEMPT; WE HAVE FOUGHT HARD FOR IT FOR THREE YEARS; WE HAVE NOW FAILED TO ACHIEVE RESULTS. LET'S NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE GOAL. THERE ARE MANY MEANS YOU CAN TAKE TO ACHIEVE A GOAL BUT WHEN YOU BECOME SO PREOCCUPIED WITH JUST STICKING WITH THE TRACK YOU HAVE BEEN ON YOU MAY LOSE YOUR WAY. THE GOAL IS THE END OBJECTIVE THAT WE ARE AFTER AND I SIMPLY SAID KEEP UP THE TREND THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ON. WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU TO REVERSE COURSE, YOU HAVE BEEN ON A TREND INCREASING NUMBERS UP TO 33,000. WHAT WE WERE TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED IN WAS THE REVERSAL OF THAT COURSE OF '74. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF FACE-SAVING, IT IS A QUESTION OF STAYING ON THE TRACK THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ON UP TO THROUGH '73. I THINK WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO NOT TRY TO EMBARRASS THEM BECAUSE THEN WHEN WE DO THAT WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE END RESULT. WE ARE AFTER RESULTS NOT JUST A DEBATE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HUMAN LIVES THAT WE ARE TRYING TO BRING INTO FREEDOM AND THE OBJECTIVE IS WHAT WE ARE AFTER. WE HAVEN'T ACHIEVED IT IN THIS ROUND. LET'S TRY TO FIND

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ANOTHER WAY WE CAN APPROACH IT THEN.

13. Q. YOU YOURSELF ARE COMMITTED TO SOME SORT OF LEGISLATIVE METHOD OF TRYING TO LET'S SAY URGE THE RUSSIANS TO CONTINUE WITH THE IMMIGRATION POLICY IN THE TREND THAT YOU MENTIONED?

A. MY OVERALL GOAL IS PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD. I AM NOT GOING TO LOSE SIGHT OF THAT GOAL. I AM NOT GOING TO BE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH ONE PARTICULAR ASPECT OF IT THAT I LOSE SIGHT OF THE WHOLE PICTURE, THAT WOULD BE UTTER FOOLISHNESS. I TRY TO BE PRAGMATIC BUT I THINK WE WILL NOW HAVE TO REASSESS BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE HAVE FAILED IN THIS PARTICULAR EFFORT. WE HAVE SET BACK DETENTE. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE SET BACK DETENTE IT REMOVES OUR LEVERAGE, OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH AND DO OTHER THINGS, SO WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF OUR OVERALL GOAL.

14. Q. PRIME MINISTER RABIN SAID THAT HE IN NO WAY ACCEPTS THE ARGUMENT THAT THE TRADE BILL WAS REJECTED BY THE SOVIETS BECAUSE OF THE JEWISH QUESTION. WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THIS?

A. WHO SAID THAT?



15. Q. THAT WAS PRIME MINISTER RABIN, HE SAID  
THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE REASONS WERE, BUT THAT HE  
WAS CONVINCED THAT IT WAS NOT THE JEWISH PROBLEM.

A. OH, I'M CONVINCED THAT THAT IS A PART OF IT. I THINK  
ALSO A PART WAS THE \$300 MILLION LIMITATION ON THE EXPORT/  
IMPORT BANK. I THINK THEY FELT THAT IT WAS DISCRIMINATORY  
AND TOO SMALL. SO IT IS A COMBINATION OF THINGS, POSSIBLY  
ALSO A DEGREE OF MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE EXCHANGE OF  
LETTERS AND MISUNDERSTANDING PUBLICLY DONE DOESN'T ADD  
TO THE SPIRIT IN WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO WORK. THAT IS WHY  
I AM WORKING SO HARD TO TRY TO PREVENT IN A SMALL  
WAY THE MISUNDERSTANDING. I AM NOT A MILITARY EXPERT BUT  
I FIND A HEALTHY REGARD FOR THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF  
ISRAEL, AND THE ARAB WORLD FEELS THAT TIME IS ON ITS SIDE.  
ECONOMICALLY THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY GETTING STRONGER, AND THEY  
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WILL BE ADDING TO THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH, AND THEY ARE  
INCREASING THEIR TRAINING AND EFFECTIVENESS. BUT I DID  
FIND A FEAR IN THE ARAB WORLD THAT THERE WOULD BE  
A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE BY ISRAEL. I AM HERE TO STUDY AND LEARN  
WHETHER OR NOT THAT SAME FEAR EXISTS ON THE PART OF ISRAEL  
AS RESPECTS ANY ARAB NATION.

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16. Q. JUST ONE OTHER THING, YOU SAID ON TELEVISION, CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF THE PREEMPTIVE, SAYING THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH A STRIKE.

A. I BELIEVE THIS, THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS BEEN SOLIDLY BEHIND ISRAEL IN WHAT IT CONSIDERED TO BE ITS RIGHTEOUS POSITION IN WANTING TO ACHIEVE RECOGNITION FOR ITS SOVEREIGNTY AS A NATION AND THE INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF ITS PEOPLE AND ITS BORDERS. BUT IT IS NOT, AS I INTERPRET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE CONGRESS, A POSITION WHERE IT'S ISRAEL RIGHT OR WRONG AND IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT ISRAEL IS WRONG, AND IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT IN THE MIDST OF THE UNITED STATES PLACING ITS ENTIRE PRESTIGE, A LARGE PART OF ITS DIPLOMATIC AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH EFFORT BEHIND FINDING A STEP BY STEP PEACEFUL SOLUTION THROUGH DIPLOMACY FOR THIS PROBLEM, IF THERE ARE ANY IN ISRAEL WHO PUSH, SOMEHOW GET THIS GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE OR TAKE SUCH ACTIONS THAT MAKE A FIFTH WAR INEVITABLE, I FEEL ASSURED THAT THE SUPPORT THAT HAS EXISTED FOR ISRAEL IN THE PAST WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE PRESENT OR THE FUTURE AND ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO STAND ALONE. YOU MUST REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, IT WAS QUITE APPARENT THAT ISRAEL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES, WE WERE JOINED BY ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES ON OCCASION BUT PRETTY MUCH WE STOOD ALONE ON THE MID-EAST ISSUE AND I THINK IF ISRAEL AND THE SO-CALLED HARD-LINERS OR HAWKS IN ISRAEL FEEL THAT THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST IS BEST SERVED BY MAKING A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE AND STARTING A FIFTH WAR, I THINK THEY WILL FIND THEMSELVES ALL ALONE AND I THINK THEY WILL HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO HAVE BETRAYED THE FUTURE SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND ITS PEOPLE MORE THAN ANY MAN IN HISTORY.

17. Q. HAVE YOU MET WITH SOME OF THESE HAWKS HERE?

A. OH, I WILL TALK TO VERY ONE THAT I CAN AND I AM TALKING TO SOME OF THEM VIA THE MEDIA RIGHT NOW. THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE, MOST OF YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE. I THINK WE HAVE HAWKS IN OUR COUNTRY. I HAVE BEEN AN ENEMY OF SUCH HAWKS ALL MY LIFE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY SERVE THE INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY AND I HAVE THE SAME

BATTLE AT HOME. BUT SO DOES THE ARAB WORLD HAVE THAT SAME BATTLE. AND MANY COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY DO HAVE IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS WHO ARE EXTREMISTS IN THE ARAB WORLD. MY WHOLE MESSAGE TO THEM IS THAT THERE IS ENOUGH STRONG, STABLE, RESPONSIBLE, MODERATE LEADERSHIP IN THE ARAB WORLD. IT IS YOUR JOB TO CONTAIN YOUR ARAB BROTHERS SO THAT ONE OF THEM OR A SMALL GROUP OF THEM WHO I THINK DO NOT REPRESENT THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE MAJORITY OF THE ARAB PEOPLE DO NOT FORCE YOU INTO A POSITION WHERE YOU ARE IN THE MIDST OF A FIFTH CONFLICT, BECAUSE IF YOU DO IT, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FACE UP AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ONCE AGAIN, WHO WILL BACK ISRAEL, IF WHAT WE HAVE LONG STRUGGLED FOR, THEIR RIGHT TO EXIST AND HAVE SECURITY AND PEACE, IS ENDANGERED BY YOU.

18. Q. (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

A. MY HOUR AND A QUARTER CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SADAT WAS STRICTLY PRIVATE AS IT HAS BEEN WITH EVERY SINGLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE. WHEN HE SAID SOMETHING TO ME ON ONE POINT AND HE MADE IT VERY HONESTLY AND VERY SINCERELY, I ASKED PERMISSION TO BE ABLE TO REPEAT THAT STATEMENT AND THAT'S THE POINT. HE MADE THE POINT THAT THERE MUST BE

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PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS, NOT JUST THE EGYPTIAN. HE FEELS THAT JUST TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT HIMSELF WOULD ISOLATE SOMEHOW HIS ARAB BROTHERS AND HE DOES NOT INTEND TO DO THAT. HE FEELS THAT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE. HE FEELS A NEGOTIATION INVOLVING STEP BY STEP PROGRESS OR HOPEFUL PROGRESS ON NOT JUST THE EGYPTIAN FRONT BY THE SYRIAN AND THE LEBANESE AND PROGRESS FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS MUST BE MADE.

19. Q. WHEN YOU WERE IN IRAN WAS THERE ANY MENTION BY THE SHAH OF GUARANTEEING TO ISRAEL OIL IF WE GIVE UP ABU RODEIS?

A. I DID HAVE A TALK WITH THE SHAH. AGAIN I AM NOT PRIVILEGED TO REVEAL THE CONFIDENCES OF THAT CONVERSATION BUT ONE ASPECT OF IT HE HAS SINCE MADE PUBLIC. I CAN CERTAINLY REAFFIRM THAT HE SAID TO ME IF THERE IS AN OIL BOYCOTT, IRAN WILL NOT ENGAGE IN IT AND CERTAINLY NOT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

20. Q. DID YOU FEEL THAT THE ARAB LEADERS WERE FRANK WITH YOU OR DID YOU FEEL THAT AT ANY TIME THEY WERE TELLING YOU SOMETHING THAT WASN'T TRUE?

A. IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU TALK WITH AMONG THE ARAB LEADERS.

I FOUND MANY TIMES A RELUCTANCE AT LOWER LEVELS, AT MINIS-  
TERIAL LEVELS TO LEVEL WITH ME. THEY WERE CAUTIOUS  
BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SUPERIOR AHEAD OF THEM. IN NOT ONE  
SINGLE CASE DID I FIND THE RULING HEAD OF THE STATE HESITANT  
ONE BIT. I FELT THAT MOST OF THEM SPOKE CANDIDLY  
AND HONESTLY TO ME AS THEY KNEW I DID TO THEM.

21. Q. SENATOR, DO YOU FEEL THAT ISRAEL'S DEMANDS FOR MILI-  
TARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARE SERIOUSLY  
DEPLETING AMERICA'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT RESERVES?

A. I WOULD WANT TO TALK TO OUR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ABOUT  
THAT. IT IS OBVIOUSLY A MATTER OF CONCERN. WE WILL BE  
CONSIDERING IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THE MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE BILL AGAIN. HE WILL BE A WITNESS, HE WILL BE IN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH US. I PROMISE YOU IT IS ONE OF THE  
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EARLY QUESTIONS I WILL PUT TO HIM.

END OF TRANSCRIPT.  
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